

F-6-75

Ca. 1850

Toms Creek House

Emmitsburg vicinity

Private

The Toms Creek House is located on Toms Creek Church Road approximately one mile south of Taneytown Pike. The principal elevation faces west with the gable roof running north to south. The property includes an outhouse, a wash house, a bank barn and several sheds. The property is significant in representing a mid-nineteenth century small farm. The dwelling house demonstrates a unique combination of construction materials. The house was possibly associated as a tenant farm to a larger brick farmhouse in close proximity.

F-6-75
Toms Creek House
Emmitsburg
Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery Counties,
and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870 A.D.
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Agriculture

Resource Type:
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/outhouse, wash house
Agricultural/Subsistence/agricultural outbuilding/barn, sheds

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. F-6-75

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Toms Creek House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Toms Creek Church Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Emmitsburg ☐ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Eric E. & Audrey J. Glass

street & number 16117 Toms Creek Church Road telephone no.:

city, town Emmitsburg state and zip code MD 21727

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1085

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 417

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Anthony James Survey

date 1974 (VI-098) ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☒ local

pository for survey records Frederick County Department of Planning & Zoning

city, town Frederick state Maryland

7. Description

Survey No. F-6-75

Condition

☐ excellent

☐ good

☒ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

(Typed on separate sheet)

8. Significance

Survey No. F-6-75

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

(Typed on separate sheet)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-6-75

Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, C.O. Titus and Co., Philadelphia, 1873.

Map of Frederick County, Maryland, Isaac Bond, Baltimore, 1858.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 115.19 acres

Quadrangle name Emmitsburg, MD Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Zone Easting Northing

B

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Zone Easting Northing

C

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

D

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

E

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

F

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

G

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

H

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 9, Parcel 62

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
-------	------	--------	------

state	code	county	code
-------	------	--------	------

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Kendall Shipe, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept date June, 1991

street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958

city or town Frederick state MD 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

7.1 Description:

The Toms Creek House is located on Toms Creek Church Road approximately one mile south of Taneytown Pike. The principal elevation faces west with the gable roof running north to south. The property includes an outhouse, a wash house, a bank barn and several sheds.

Constructed by 1850, the two story house is of log and brick construction. It has a gable roof of pressed tin and two interior end brick chimneys. Decorative elements include lightning rods on the ridgeline. A two story frame addition with a gable roof of corrugated tin is attached to the east elevation of the main section. It has one interior end brick chimney. It is covered in asphalt shingling.

The principal facade, facing west, is composed of a symmetrical 2 bay log section (sheathed in asphalt shingling) and a symmetrical 1 bay brick section (common bond). The log section has a 6/6 window and a door with a molded surround on the first floor and two 6/6 windows on the second floor. A one story open porch with a shed roof of composition shingling covers both bays. The brick section has 6/6 windows with flat wooden lintels. The north elevation (the log section) has no openings except an attic vent window. The south elevation (the brick section) has 2 symmetrical bays. The first floor has a 6/6 window and a door with a 3 light transom; the second floor, two 6/6 windows; the attic, two vent windows. All openings have flat wooden lintels.

The east elevation of the main section has 1 bay in the log section with 6/6 windows. Some of the asphalt shingling is missing and exposes german siding. The rest of the elevation is attached to the addition. The main (south) facade of the addition is 3 bays wide with 2 recessed bays. On the first floor, there is an open porch in the recessed bays; on the second, the porch is enclosed with new windows. The last bay of the facade has narrow 4/4 windows, symmetrically placed. The north elevation of the addition has 2 symmetrical bays with 6/6 windows. The east elevation has no openings except for an attic vent window.

Two outbuildings are located several feet to the east of the house. An outhouse is sheathed in weatherboard and has a wood shingled roof patched with corrugated tin. A one story, board and batten washhouse has a standing seam tin gable roof. The north and south elevations have 6/6 windows; a door opening is in the east gable end.

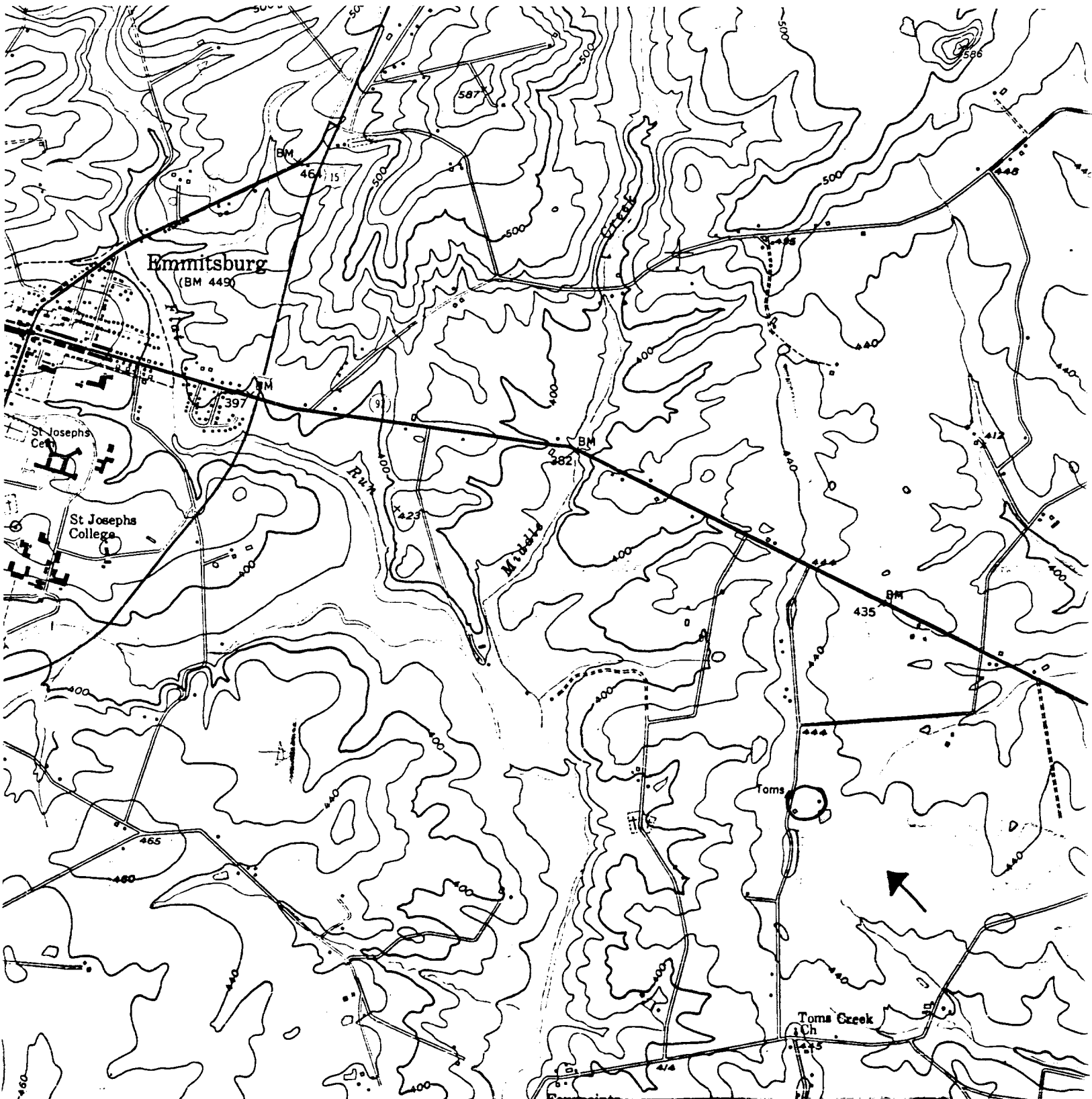
To the west of the dwelling house, there are several agricultural buildings. A bank barn, dating from the late nineteenth century, is decorated with louvered windows and lightning rods. The foundation level has 6/6 windows. Three small sheds are clustered around the barn.

8.1 Significance:

The Toms Creek House is significant in representing a mid-nineteenth century small farm. The dwelling house demonstrates a unique combination of construction materials. The house was possibly associated as a tenant farm to a larger brick farmhouse in close proximity.

Considered within its historic context, the Toms Creek House provides one of the few examples of its architectural form in the region: a two story log and brick building under one gable roof. It also may represent tenant farm architecture. It has retained a good level of integrity.

The Toms Creek House does not appear on either historic map (1858 or 1873) for the county. However, the architecture of the building is suggestive of a construction date of circa 1850. Because of its small scale and the use of brick for part of the construction, it may have served as a tenant house for a larger brick farmhouse located approximately 1/8 mile to the northeast.



F-6-75
Toms Creek House
Emmitsburg vicinity
Frederick County
U.S.G.S. Emmitsburg, MD Quadrangle



F-6-75

Toms Creek House

Toms Creek Church Road

Emmitsburg vicinity

Fredricks County

Photo: MARY K SHIPE

MAY 1991

REG. loc: Maryland Historical Trust

Crainsville MD

Southwest corner

1/3



F-6-75

Toms Creek House

Toms Creek Church Road

Emmitsburg vicinity

Fredrick County

Photo: MARY K SHIPE

MAY 1991

Neg. loc. : Maryland Historical Trust

Pransville MD

East elevation



F-G-75

TOMS CREEK HOUSE

Toms Creek Church Road

Emmitsburg vicinity

Fredrick County

Photo: MARY K SHIBE

MAY 1991

Neg. loc: Maryland Historical Trust
Cranesville MD

Bank Barn - northwest elevation

3/3